

SYNDICATION NEWS

Oswald 'trial' offers new footage

Exclusive news footage surrounding the events of President John F. Kennedy's assassination 25 years ago has been newly discovered and will be seen for the first time nationally in "On Trial: Lee Harvey Oswald," hosted by Geraldo Rivera.

The videotape and film was originally shot by Dallas independent KTVT-TV and picked up by NBC — because the local NBC affiliate did not have a remote truck in 1963. NBC reportedly

made the material available to Tribune Entertainment.

According to Tribune, the KTVT footage includes "dramatic and eerie moments," such as JFK's last speech in Fort Worth, two hours before his death. The tape also shows Kennedy landing at Love Field in Dallas and the presidential motorcade slowly moving past the School Book Depository as the shooting occurred.

On Nov. 23, the day after the assassi-

nation, KTVT used their remote cameras to capture alleged killer Lee Harvey Oswald in police custody. The historical moment when Jack Ruby shot Oswald at point-blank range is also seen as reporter Tom Petite from NBC reports from the site. Oswald is then seen being taken on a stretcher to the ambulance headed for Parkland Hospital.

Other moments to be seen on the special are Oswald's wife, Marina, and her two small children leaving the hospital with Oswald's mother after learning of his death, segments of Jack Ruby's testimony and trial, and a plea by Oswald's mother "for justice" into the television camera.

Echoing the continuing fascination and speculation surrounding JFK's death, she accuses the system of branding her son a murderer without proof, and further begs for a more thorough investigation presenting "more than circumstantial evidence."

The special, set to air on either Nov. 22 or 23, will be a speculative drama, presenting a murder trial for Oswald, based on the history-altering premise that he was not killed by Ruby. The five-hour television trial, presented as a real occurrence, will include real witnesses, ballistic and pathology experts, and friends and acquaintances of Marina and Lee Harvey Oswald.

The case will be tried by prosecutor Vincent Bugliosi and defense attorney Gerry Spence. A Texas district judge, Lucius Bunton, is set to preside over a jury selected from the Dallas jury rolls.

At the conclusion of the broadcast, viewers will be asked to call a 900 number to vote on the verdict of whether Oswald acted alone, or if he indeed was part of a conspiracy.

The special has cleared 135 stations to date, representing 95% of the country.